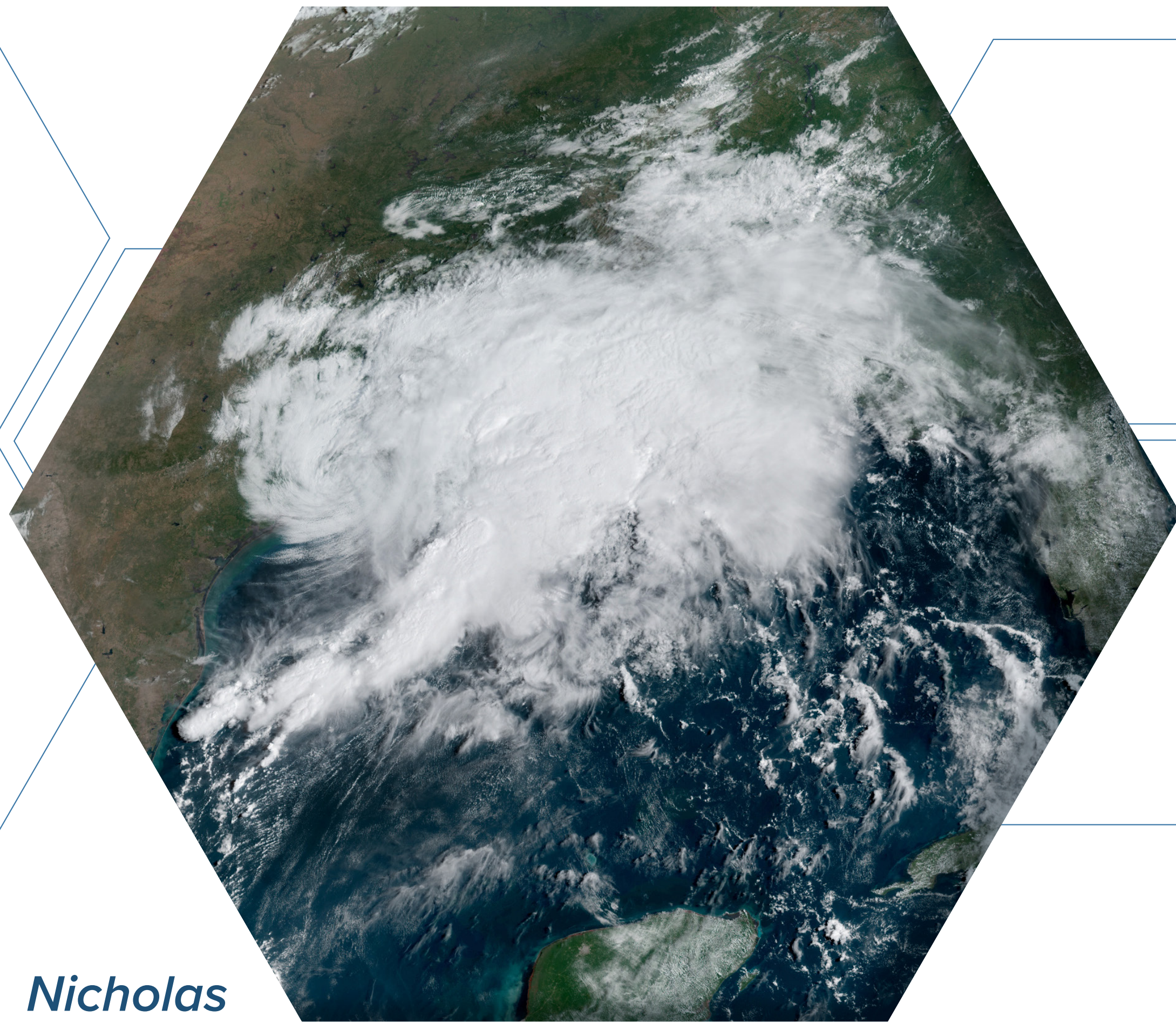


Continental United States Hurricane Strikes 1950–2021*

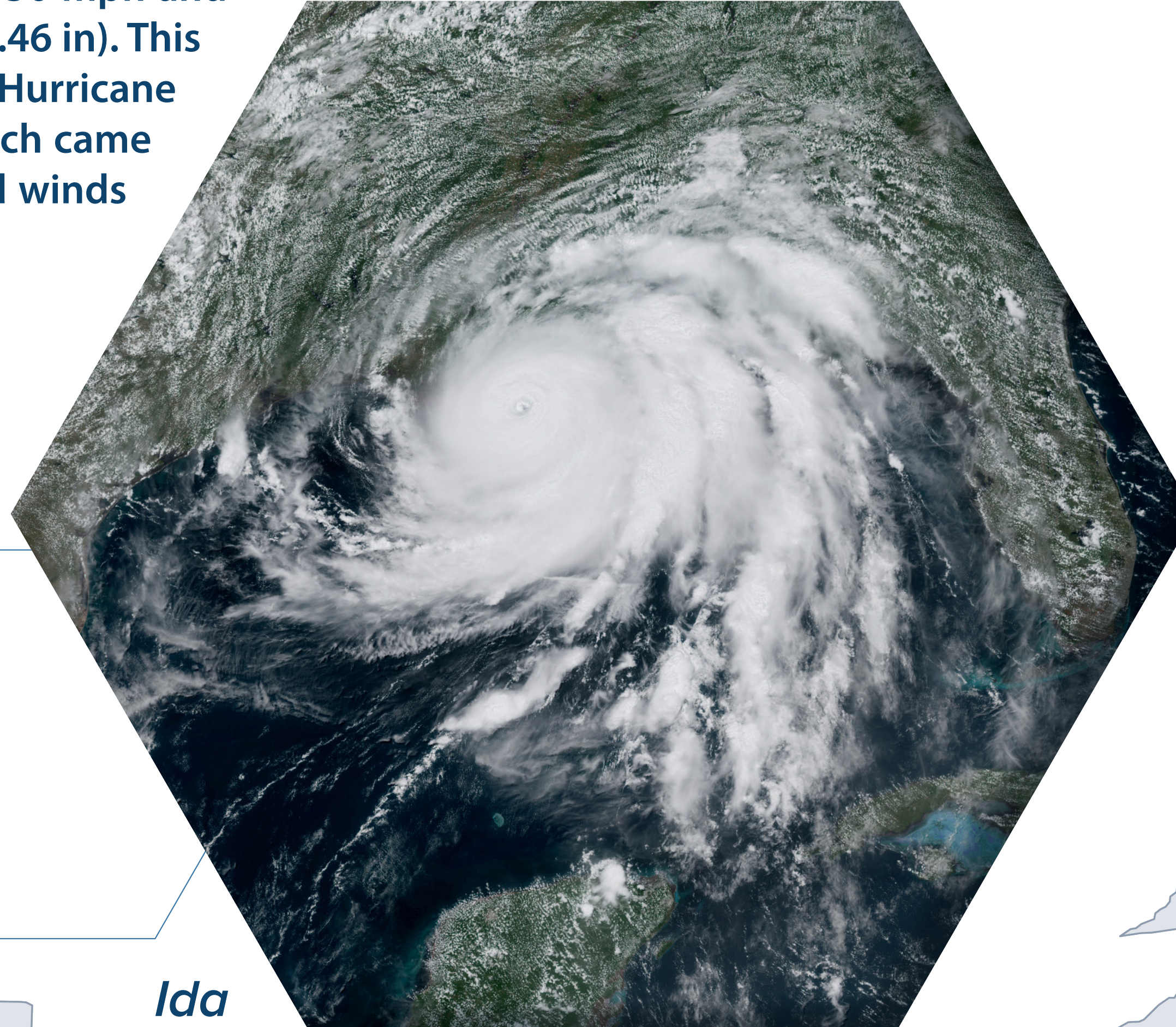
The GOES-16 enhanced imagery shows 2021 Hurricanes Ida and Nicholas in detail.

With 21 storms, the 2021 season ranks as the third-busiest Atlantic season on record, behind last year's unprecedented 30 named storms, and the 27 named storms and one unnamed storm that developed in 2005. The most destructive storm of 2021 was Category-4 Hurricane Ida, which came ashore near Port Fourchon, Louisiana, on August 29. When Ida made landfall, maximum sustained winds were estimated around 150 mph and reconnaissance aircraft estimated its minimum central pressure as 930 mb (27.46 in). This ranks as the second-most-intense hurricane to strike Louisiana on record, after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The other landfalling hurricane was Category-1 Nicholas, which came ashore near Sargent Beach, Texas on September 14, with maximum sustained winds near 75 mph and a pressure estimated near 991 mb (29.26 inches).



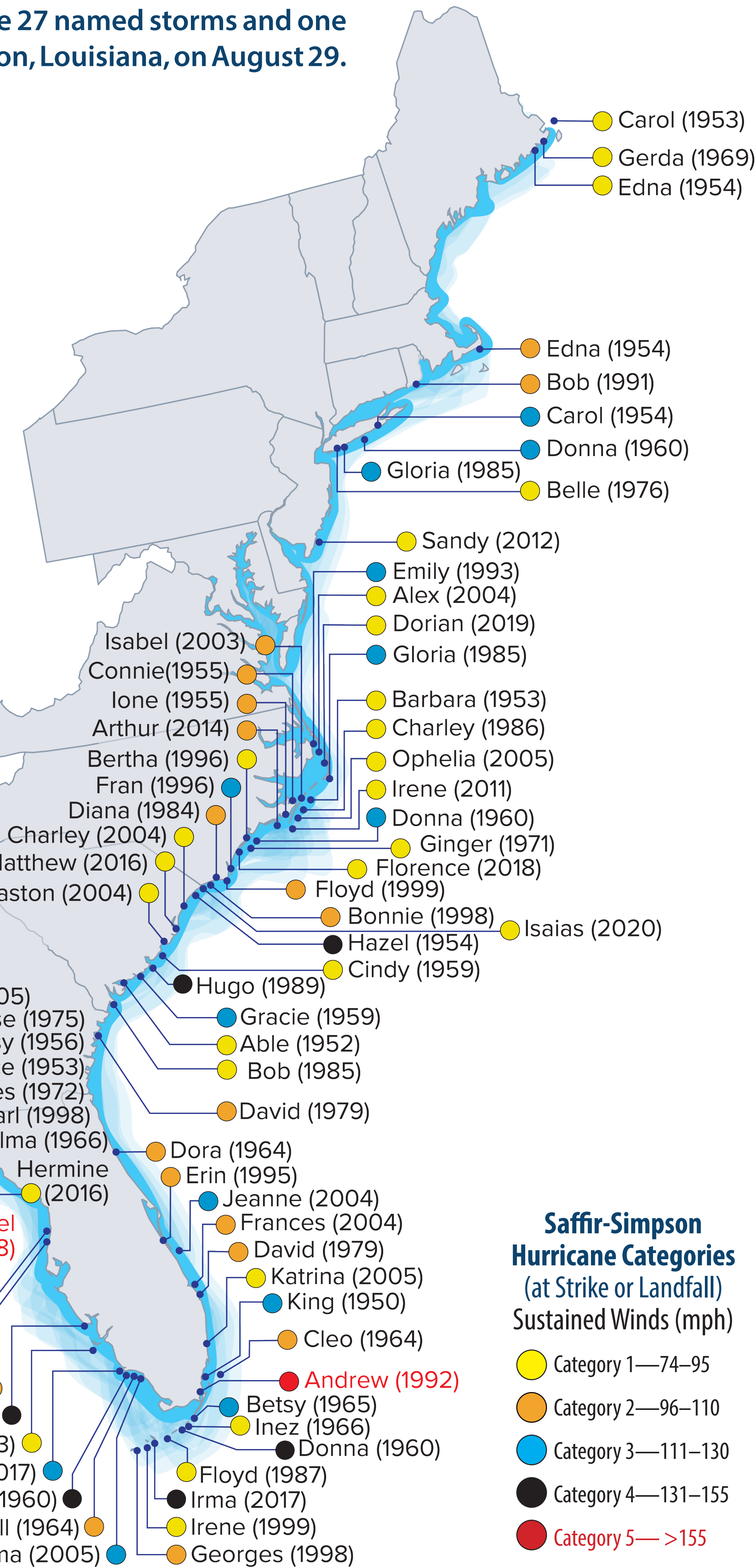
Nicholas

GOES-16, September 14, 2021
@ 1450 UTC (Geo-color)



Ida

GOES-16, August 29, 2021
@ 1740 UTC (Geo-color)



Hurricane Information

Since 1950, there have been 123 hurricanes that have directly impacted the continental United States.

Due to coverage density of storms, actual strike locations are approximate.

*Strikes include hurricanes that did not make direct landfall but did produce hurricane force winds over land.

There were no hurricane strikes in the continental United States for the years 1951, 1958, 1962, 1973, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1990, and 1994 in the 20th century, and 2000, 2001, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2013, and 2015 so far in the 21st century.

Image source: NOAA/NESDIS

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Categories (at Strike or Landfall) Sustained Winds (mph)

- Category 1—74–95
- Category 2—96–110
- Category 3—111–130
- Category 4—131–155
- Category 5—>155



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